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19. (Thrice Amended)

A device for affixing objects to products moving in a row, the device comprising a holder for a stock of the objects, wherein each object may have a different thickness, and affixing means comprising at least one suction nozzle on a carrier for removing one of the objects from the holder and moving the object, wherein the affixing means is capable of rotary movement about an axis of rotation and affixing the object to a moving product during the rotary movement of the affixing means, wherein the affixing means is capable of being driven intermittently between rotation and standstill, and wherein during standstill of the affixing means the carrier can remove the object from the holder and wherein the carrier is movable in a radial direction with respect to the axis of rotation for removing an object from the holder at standstill.

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21. (Once Amended)

The device according to claim 19, wherein the suction nozzle has a diameter of more than 15 mm.

REMARKS

Claims 19-21, 23-29, 31-33 and 37 remain in this application. Claims 19 and 21 have been amended while the remaining claims remain unchanged. No new subject matter is believed to have been added by this Amendment.

In Section No. 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 19-21, 23-29, 31-33 and 37 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification to a sufficient degree. Claim 19 has been amended to remove wording indicating that the carrier is movable in a radial direction while affixing an object to a moving product during rotary motion and, therefore, this rejection is believed to be overcome.

In Section No. 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 19-21, 23, 25-26, 28-29 and 31-33 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious from the teaching of {W0041919.1}